An expenditure of Rs. 746.18 lakh has been incurred on the Commission till February, 2008.

Till the Commission submits its report.

Conference of Chief Ministers

tl324. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

whether a Conference of Chief Ministers was held on 5th September, 2006 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister;

whether the Chief Minister of Rajasthan had expressed opinion regarding strengthening the Security measures keeping in view the internal security of the country;

whether Rajasthan Government had proposed to provide financial assistance for strict monitoring of internal security and to remain in contact with the public to make the rural police more effective;

whether Government is considering to provide financial assistance/grant to control the terrorist and spying activities and strengthen the rural police, desert police; and

if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

The Rajasthan Government has requested for financial assistance for rural and desert policing.

and (e) The Central Government has been providing financial assistance to the State Governments for modernization and upgradation of the police in the States under the Scheme for Modernisation of States Police Forces. Under the Scheme, assistance is being provided for equipments, weaponry, infrastructure in the form of Police Station and other buildings, mobility, training, etc. A component of desert policing has also been included in the scheme from 2005-06. An amount of Rs. 3 crores, Rs. 12 crores and Rs. 9 crores has been released for this purpose to the Rajasthan Government in 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 respectively. There is no separate component for rural policing, *per se,* under the Scheme. The Rajasthan Government has been advised to cover the requirements for this purpose in their proposals under the relevant admissible items under the Scheme.

Proposals for bifurcation/reorganization of States

1325. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: SHRI DARA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received recommendations from some State Governments for bifurcation/reorganization of States; and

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